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With this initial number of the "Vox Wesleyana" the students inaugurate what they hope will become an institution of the college and a factor of no trivial importance in college life. That there is a field in Wesley for a journal has been felt for some years, but a variety of things have intervened up to the present to prevent the realization of the hopes that a college paper might speedily become a reality. A year ago the enterprise received considerable impetus when Prof. Riddell joined those who believed that a college paper had become a necessity. Under his guidance several meetings were held, committees were appointed, and a general canvass of the city merchants for advertising support instituted. The canvassers met with considerable success, and at a meeting held after the fall term of the session was fully under way, the various committees reported so very favorably that it was decided to commence publication at once. A mass meeting of the students was held and the decision of the committee announced. It met with

unanimous approval on the part of the students, and the committee, with renewed vigor, continued its work. A constitution was drawn up, officers elected, and finally the editor-in-chief, business manager and associate editors selected. From that time until the present those in whose charge the work of the affair was placed have been busy, and you have in this number of the "Vox Wesleyana" the results of their labors.

As to what we hope this journal will do and be. First, then, it will be a historical record. Men enter college; they spend four years under its protecting care; they pass out into the world, and all that remains is a name upon the graduation roll. What is of infinitely more importance, the victories they accomplish in the class room and on the floor of the college debating society, and the battles fought upon the football field are unrecorded and forgotten. In this way, too, the college journal will assist in developing a spirit of true patriotism among those so happy as to be Wesley college students. We are following in the footsteps of those who, under similar circumstances, developed characters that made them great men. We are highly honored in being permitted to carry on the work which they began, and to uphold the valor of arms which they achieved. We will do it. We will sustain the historic institutions of our college and ever continue to hold a proud position among our sister colleges.

To those who have finished their course and passed on to the sternest duties of life their college journal should perform a peculiar service. A young man leaves college imbued with high and lofty ideals of life. As he mixes with men of the world, though there are some exceptions, he comes in contact with so many who scorn all that is noble and uplifting, that a sense of utter helplessness seems to